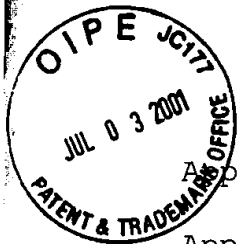


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CONTROL FACTOR

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 3, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 3, 2001, the due date for reply being extended three (3) months to July 3, 2001 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend the following claims:

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